

# PATENT

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Art Unit : Not Assigned

**Examiner : Not Assigned**

On March 11, 2002, the undersigned attorney for applicant filed a Status Inquiry in this case. No reply to the Status Inquiry was received from the U.S. Patent Office. In addition, repeated telephone calls were made to the U.S. Patent Office between May 13 - July 25, 2002, to determine the status of the application.

On July 25, 2002, Examiner Michael Neas advised that the application had been "dropped from the computer." Examiner Neas reported that a search by the paralegals and contractors did not locate the file. He said that he would request an official search for the file.

In order to expedite the examination process of this case, Examiner Neas recommended that the undersigned Attorney for Applicant make a copy of his file for this case, and submit the copy of the PCT Legal Department.

Accordingly, attached are true copies of what was originally filed by the Attorney for Applicant in U.S. patent application No. 09/623,801. This includes a copy of the postcard filing acknowledgment for each filing, showing the PTO date-stamp.

Respectfully submitted,

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